

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

2:52 p.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Sheen, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to adopt the minutes of the **April 20, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Stahl laid before the committee a special presentation on the Family to Family Initiative by Longino Gonzalez, Director of the Children Services Division, Department of Human Services.

TESTIMONY

Mr. Gonzalez gave a general overview of the Family to Family Initiative within the Department of Human Services.

Robert O'Brien, representing the Southwest Counseling and Development Services., testified regarding the Family to Family Self-Evaluation Team Meeting.

Vice-Chair Pearce took the Chair.

Elizabeth Mack, from Mayberry Elementary School in Detroit, testified regarding Southwest Coordinated Services Center, Child and Family Team Building.

The Chair resumed the chair.

E. Sue Parrish, representing Native American Indian Association, testified on her organization's role in the Family to Family Initiative.

Bob Petti, representing the Association of Accredited Child and Family Agencies, testified regarding the impact of the Family to Family Initiative.

Jessica Lindsey, representing the Youth for Tomorrow's Children, spoke in support of the Family to Family Initiative.

Chilton Brown, representing the Youth for Tomorrow's Children, spoke in support of the Family to Family Initiative.

Sean Blume, representing Employment Training and Design Inc., testified in support of the Family to Family Initiative.

Laura Martinez, from the Department of Human Services spoke in support of the Family to Family Initiative.

Mr. Gonzalez gave a brief final statement to the committee regarding the Family to Family Initiative.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair
House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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1 hr. 57 Minutes